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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-210614, published on August 2, 2000,
together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-189884, published on July 11, 2000,
together with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-202355, published on July 25, 2000,
together with an English language translation of the same;

U.S. Patent No. 5,116,644 to ASAI et al., issued on May 26, 1992; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,181,142 to ASAI et al., issued on January 19, 1993.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the patent documents.

Copies of the Japanese patent documents are attached and all of the documents have been listed
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Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

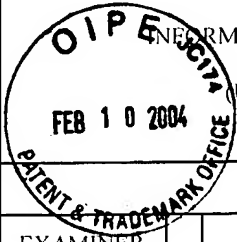
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